

## Scavenger maths plant hunt



### Background

This is a fun activity to help young children get outside and explore their surroundings. Identifying patterns and exploring numbers in the natural world is a great way to engage children in a positive way.

They get to work as a team and persevere with achieving a task. They will also learn to differentiate between natural objects using a simple sensory classification system.

The length and complexity of the list can be adjusted to suit the group. The group can relate back to the wildflower playing cards to enhance their knowledge.

### Equipment

- Resource sheet
- containers / buckets
- Pack of Wildflower playing cards

### Activity

- Gather the group in a circle
- Arrange them into pairs
- Group discusses the qualities of nature and flowers
- Hand out copies of the 'Scavenger maths plant hunt' resource sheet and containers to collect their items
- Each pair heads off around the grounds to search for their items
- Share findings & link to the cards

### Review

- Discussion topics to include making links with maths & nature
- What was hardest item to find?
- What other patterns could you discover?



# Resource sheet - Scavenger maths hunt

**Find a flower twice  
as big as another**



**Find a flower with  
3 colours**



**Stand next to a plant  
as tall as you**



**Find something  
round**



**Find a flower with  
5 petals**



**Find a square stem**



**Find a flower with a  
long & narrow leaf**



**Find a flower with a  
symmetrical pattern**



**Find 2 flowers from  
different habitats**



**Find a leaf with  
pointy edges**



**Find 8 different  
shaped leaves**



**Find a plant with a  
funky leaf shape**

